

### **ABSTRACT**

A method and system for combining multiple access points and utilizing certificates as an access method to a system from multiple access points enables users to utilize a certificate that is stored within a smart card to access a host system through a browser, such that when the user accesses the application on the server, the application requires that the card and certificate be present for authentication of the individual user, and concurrently allows external systems to access applications on a host server using a certificate stored on the external system for authenticating itself to the host server.

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